

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

5        A method for controlling a computer entity to participate in a peer to peer  
network of a plurality of computer entities comprises, for each computer entity,  
operating a peer to peer protocol for enabling the computer entity to utilise  
resources of at least one other computer entity of the network, and for enabling at  
least one other computer entity of the network to utilise resources of the  
10 computer entity. Each computer entity is arranged to automatically operate a  
process for managing at least one other computer entity in the network,  
whenever the computer entity takes part in the peer to peer network using the  
peer to peer protocol.

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